

Jerry Nesland, Executive Director
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Education District 6004

To: FCC Appeal Committee

Date: August 29, 2017

Re: Letter of Appeal *and Request of a Waiver*

The Freshwater Education District #6004, (FED) is filing this letter as an Amendment and addition to our previously filed letter of Appeal, see attached copy of original Appeal letter;

(Confirmation #201708170723300259)

Freshwater is a Minnesota multi-school district consortium with its own school district number (6004) made up of nine (9) School Districts in rural Central Minnesota, serving approximately 9,000 K-12 students. These are small communities ranging in city populations between 400 and 4,000. These nine school districts have student K-12 populations between 450 and 1625.

Freshwater provides direct and indirect services for its member school districts including: Special Education Programs, Staff and Services; Area Learning Centers (ALC) along with Targeted Services and Credit Recovery Programs and Support; Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness; Community Education; Gifted, Creative and Talented Services; Technology, Internet Access and Support Services; Adult Basic Education and GED Testing; Vocational Rehabilitation, etc.

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FED itself is governed by a school board made up of representatives of each of the school districts it serves, including both a superintendent and a local school board member from each district.

In July of this year, three (3) of our member districts listed below, received a Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for FY-2005.

- Bertha-Hewitt School District #786
 - FRN#466971
- Henning School District # 545
 - FRN#467125
- Menahga School District # 821
 - FRN#467573

Copies of these letters are attached to this Appeal. While reconstructing the events that led to these letters has been a somewhat confusing process, given that they stem from events in 2005 that pre-date the current leadership at FED, and records are somewhat incomplete since E-rate record retention requirements at the time were limited to a five year period.

From what I have been able to reconstruct, in 2005 the Freshwater Ed District provided E-Rate consultant services, as a Consortium Lead, to the above Districts, seeking Priority 2 (Networking) services.

FED assisted these Districts, with the Form 470 and through the bidding process, helping them with the paperwork and in attempting to attract bidders to provide the service being sought. However, no bids were received from outside vendors.

Because of the lack of outside vendors interested in bidding, and the dire need for the these services among the above listed districts, FED's technology group stepped up to provide support to the Districts, unaware

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that by doing so they might be violating any rules. Now, USAC has obviously disagreed and determined that they believe rules were violated and, despite the lack of any demonstrated harm, determined that the funds need to be returned. These funds, obviously, were spent more than a decade ago, and returning these funds to USAC or the FCC will impose a major financial burden on FED and its member districts.

Therefore, Freshwater Education District is requesting for FCC to reverse the decision of USAC and/or waive the rules and re-instate the funding for these districts involved.

Doing so serves the interests of the public, and is in line with the goals of the E-rate program, which was designed in part to ensure that students in rural areas (like Central Minnesota) receive access to the same kind of technology that their counterparts in more urban areas have. No harm was ever intended with the funds. All reimbursed funding received from USAC were used to cooperatively provide students with the best technology available (which, as the FCC is doubtless aware, was a huge challenge in 2005 and remains a significant challenge today).

I am representing Freshwater Education District, as the technology staff and consulting folks, from 2005, are no longer affiliated with Freshwater

Please contact me at 218-631-3505 Ext 1001 for further conversation.

I look forward to your consideration and telephone call.

Sincerely,



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Freshwater Education District

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Education District 6004

To: FCC – Appeal Department CC Docket No. 02-6

From: Jerald Nesland, Executive Director
Freshwater Education District

Date: August 17th, 2017

Re: Appeal of Commitment of Adjustment for Menahga Ind. School District #821 &
Freshwater Education District #6004

To Whom It May Concern:

Freshwater Education District is appealing USAC's decision of denial on the appeal of Menahga District #821, Application Form 471 #467573; Funding Request #1286492; Fiscal Year - 2005.

With reviewing Forms 470 and 471, we found a clerical error on Form 470, Items 6.a -6.e – Contact Person's Name/Information.

USAC suggested the FCC appeal process, with a telephone conversation of explanation, to clear the matter up.

On the Form 470, Dave Skoegen SES Consultant for Freshwater entered his contact information, in error. The contact information should have been: Superintendent Fred Seybert, 216 Aspen Ave SE, Menahga, MN 56464; 218-583-2927; Email = fseybert@menahga.k12.mn.us

Please contact us for any additional information by email; jnesland@fed.k12.mn.us or by phone; 218-894-2439 Ext 1001.

Thank you,


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To: FCC – Appeal Department CC Docket No. 02-6

From: Jerald Nesland, Executive Director
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Date: August 17th, 2017

Re: Appeal of Commitment of Adjustment for Bertha-Hewitt Ind. School District #786 &
Freshwater Education District #6004

To Whom It May Concern:

Freshwater Education District is appealing USAC's decision of denial on the appeal of Bertha-Hewitt District #786, Application Form 471 #466971; Funding Request #1284130; Fiscal Year -2005.

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Re: Appeal of Commitment of Adjustment for Henning Ind. School District #545 &
Freshwater Education District #6004

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Freshwater Education District is appealing USAC's decision of denial on the appeal of Henning District #545, Application Form 471 #467125; Funding Request #1284645; Fiscal Year - 2005.

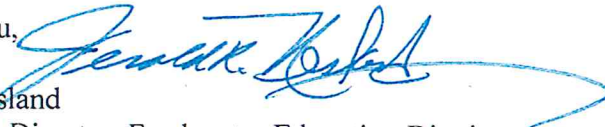
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Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter

Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

June 2, 2017

Russ Martinson
Freshwater Education District
624 Jefferson Street North
P.O. Box 644
Wadena, MN 56482

Re: SPIN:	143006682
Service Provider Name:	Freshwater Education District
Form 471 Application Number:	466971
Funding Year:	2005
FCC Registration Number:	
Applicant Name	BERTHA HEWITT ELEMENTARY
Billed Entity Number:	164291
Applicant Contact Person:	Dave Skogen

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Schools and Libraries Program
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Kai Hendrickson
BERTHA HEWITT ELEMENTARY

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report
Form 471 Application Number: 466971

Funding Request Number:	1284130
Contract Number:	BHELEM 2005
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
Billing Account Number:	N/A
Original Funding Commitment:	\$33,600.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount:	\$33,600.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment:	\$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date:	\$33,600.00
Funds to be Recovered from Service Provider:	\$33,600.00

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Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter

Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

June 02, 2017

Kai Hendrickson
BERTHA HEWITT ELEMENTARY
P.O. Box 8
Bertha, MN 56437

Re: Form 471 Application Number:	466971
Funding Year:	2005
Applicant's Form Identifier:	BHET 2005
Billed Entity Number:	164291
FCC Registration Number:	0011953320
SPIN:	143006682
Service Provider Name:	Freshwater Education District
Service Provider Contact Person:	Russ Martinson

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Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 466971

Funding Request Number: 1284130
Services Ordered: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
SPIN: 143006682
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Contract Number: BHELEM 2005
Billing Account Number: N/A
Site Identifier: 164291
Original Funding Commitment: \$33,600.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$33,600.00
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Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter

Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

June 09, 2017

Jeremiah Olson
HENNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
500 School Avenue
Henning, MN 56551

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 467125
Funding Year: 2005
Applicant's Form Identifier: HET05
Billed Entity Number: 174599
FCC Registration Number: 0000000000
SPIN: 143006682
Service Provider Name: Freshwater Education District
Service Provider Contact Person: Russ Martinson

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Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 467125

Funding Request Number:	1284645
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
SPIN:	143006682
Service Provider Name:	Freshwater Education District
Contract Number:	HET05
Billing Account Number:	n
Site Identifier:	174599
Original Funding Commitment:	\$33,600.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount:	\$33,600.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment:	\$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date	\$28,080.00
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	\$28,080.00
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June 9, 2017

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Schools and Libraries Program
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Jeremiah Olson
HENNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report
Form 471 Application Number: 467125

Funding Request Number:	1284645
Contract Number:	HET05
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
Billing Account Number:	n
Original Funding Commitment:	\$33,600.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount:	\$33,600.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment:	\$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date:	\$28,080.00
Funds to be Recovered from Service Provider:	\$28,080.00

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Schools and Libraries Program

Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter

Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

June 13, 2017

David Lindquist
MENAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT 821
P.O. Box 160
Menahga, MN 56464-0160

Re: Form 471 Application Number:	467573
Funding Year:	2005
Applicant's Form Identifier:	Ment 2005
Billed Entity Number:	133953
FCC Registration Number:	0002607646
SPIN:	143006682
Service Provider Name:	Freshwater Education District
Service Provider Contact Person:	Russ Martinson

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Schools and Libraries Program
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cc: Russ Martinson
Freshwater Education District

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 467573

Funding Request Number: 1286492
Services Ordered: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
SPIN: 143006682
Service Provider Name: Freshwater Education District
Contract Number: MENT05
Billing Account Number: N/A
Site Identifier: 133953
Original Funding Commitment: \$67,200.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$67,200.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
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